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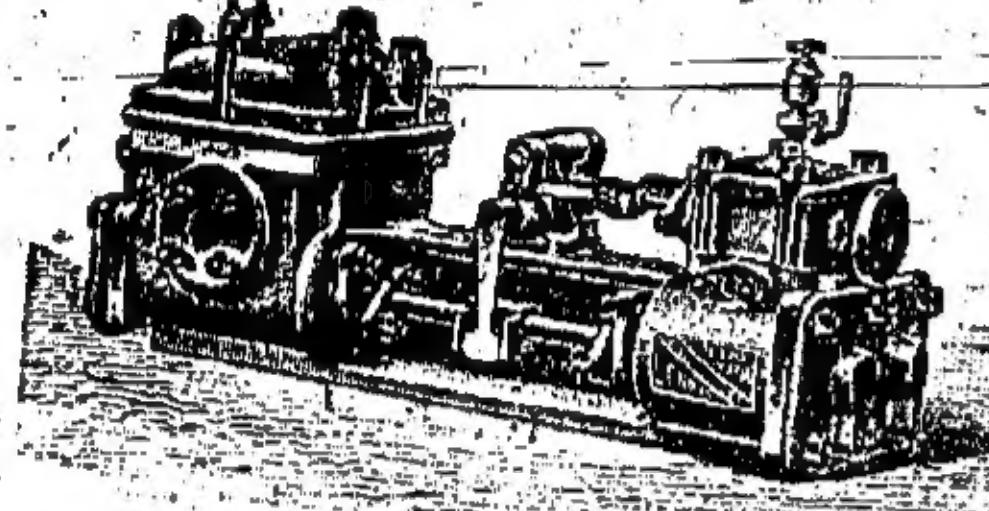
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SANITARY BOARD.

Attention of Owners of HOUSE PROPERTY in the Colony is directed to requirements of Section 7 of Ordinance No. 34 of 1890, with regard to the Bayard for every existing Domestic Building, and to the fact that the Backs must be Provided before the first day of June, 1900.

By Order,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary, Sanitary Board.
Hongkong, April 10, 1900.

INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A NINIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS for the year has been declared.

WAVTS will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 19, 1900.

HUMEY'S ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

It is hereby given that an Extraordinary General MEETING of the Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Day of May, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution, that is to say—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that LI YUK TONG of Victoria, Hongkong, one of the Managers of the Company, be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

Should the above Resolution be passed by a majority it will be submitted for confirmation at a Special General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 1st day of May, 1900.

By Order of the Board,
LI YUK TONG,
LIAO FUNG YIU,
Managers.

NOTE.

NOTICE.

CANTON ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND FIRE EXTINGUISHING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General MEETING of the Canton Electric Lighting and Fire Extinguishing Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Day of May, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of confirming and if thought fit passing the following Resolution, that is to say—

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Dated the 1st day of May, 1900.

By Order of the Board,
LI YUK TONG,
LIAO FUNG YIU,
Managers.

NOTE.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,

(Established 1862),

has This Day been REMOVED from No.

63 Praya East, Marine Line 109, to Inland

Loc 108, BOWRINGTON CANAL, near

Leighton Hill, Road Bridge, and opposite

Lee Yuen Sugar Refinery.

D. MALLORY.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900.

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A European Firm does IMPORT

and EXPORT Business in Hong-

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Sole Agents for W. J. White,

Hongkong, May 1, 1900.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions from N. K. DAVIDSON, Esq., to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON THURSDAY,
the 10th May, at 11 A.M., within his residence at the Tramway Station Upper Terminus,—

THE WHOLE OF THE
VALUABLE FURNITURE,
Contained therein
Comprising—

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MAHOGANY
and TEAKWOOD; CABINETS, SIDEBOARD,
DINING, WAGON; OVERMANTLES, DINING
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CHOICE SELECTION OF E.P. WARE and
CUTLERY, PANTRY and KITCHEN REQUIREMENTS
as usual and a COFFAGE PIANO by BARTELLET
(Nerly New).

This Furniture is in excellent condition,
most of it being of English Manufacture.
ON VIEW on the 8th and 9th May.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, May 5, 1900. 1039

To-day's Advertisements

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1899-1901.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be received by the Deputy VICTUALLING STORE Officer, under "Noon," on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, for the Supply of TEA, for the use of H.M. NAVY, for one year ending 31st August, 1901.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars may be obtained at the Victualling Stores Officer's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

By H. S. VAUGHAN,
Deputy Victualling Store Officer,
(in Charge),

Hongkong Victualling Yard,
May 1900. 1040

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Parties who were Holders of Shares on the 4th May, and who wish to apply for the New Issue of Capital, must Register their Holdings on or before the 21st May.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. 1054

DOOLITTLE AND POLLOCK,
COMMISSION AGENTS,
50, LYNDHURST TERRACE,
HONGKONG.

AGENT FOR ARMOUR PACKING COMPANY
Hongkong, May 7, 1900. 1058

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TWO OR THREE UNFURNISHED
ROOMS, at MORRISON HILL ROAD,
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Apply by letter to "Z,"
Caret of CHINA MAIL Office,
Hongkong, May 7, 1900. 1056

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Receiving Orders.

No. 9 of 1900.

Re The WONG YEW NAM Firm, lately carrying on business at 19, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, as Druggists.

Receiving Order dated 3rd May, 1900.

Petition dated 17th April, 1900.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

No. 9 of 1900.

Re The WONG YEW NAM Firm, lately carrying on business as above.

FRIDAY, the 11th day of May, 1900, at 12 o'clock at Noon, presently, will be held for the First General Meeting of Creditors to the above Matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid.

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Steamship
ST. REGULUS,
will be despatched for the above Port on
or about the 8th May.
For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 30, 1900. 877

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
ARRATOON APCAR,
Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th
Inst., at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
D. SASOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 4, 1900. 1031

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR YOKOHAMA & KOBE
THE Company's Steamship
GINELA
Captain F. MOSCA, will leave for the
above places on WEDNESDAY, the 9th
Instant, in the Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 2, 1900. 1011

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN
THE Company's Steamship
NANCHANG,
Captain FINNAN, will be despatched as
above on THURSDAY, the 10th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 399

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE,
THE Company's Steamship
TSINIAN,

Captain ANDERSON, will be despatched on
TUESDAY, the 15th May.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by
this Steamship. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Bridge, a Refrigerating
Chamber ensures a cool atmosphere, fresh Provisions being supplied daily. A duly
qualified Doctor is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available
for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 863

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Company's Steamship
ALCINOUS,

Captain PULMAN, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 15th May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 9, 1900. 918

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT, VIA
SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at LONDON Rates).
THE Company's Steamship
IDOMENUS,

Captain RILEY, will be despatched as
above on THURSDAY, the 24th May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 949

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Company's Steamship
AGAMEMNON,

Captain NISHI, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 12th June.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1900. 1032

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. L. British Ship
GEORGE T. HAY,
Master, is ready to load and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, April 6, 1900. 821

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW
THE Company's Steamship
HAICHING.

Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th Inst.,
at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPWAHK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 5, 1900. 1040

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Hongkong, Mar. (via
Shui, Nsaki, Kolo,
Inland Sea, Yoko-
hama and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, May
8, at Noon.

Nagoya, Mar. (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-
kohama and Honolulu)

THURSDAY, May
31, at Noon.

America, Mar. (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-
kohama and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, June
26, at Noon.

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Mails.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES
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FOR STEAMSHIP CAPTAIN DATE

LONDON, &c., C. T. DESY Nov. 12th May.

SHANGHAI, Ballard G. L. W. FIELD About 12th May.

YOKOHAMA, Via Nsaki & Kobe. R. TOCQUE, R.N.D. About 12th May.

* See Special Advertisement.

+ Passing through the Inland Sea.

For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office;

Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 970

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MONDAY, MAY 7, 1900.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THE WAR.

Sir Frank Swettenham.
Sir Frank Swettenham, Resident General of the Federated Malay States, who is proceeding to Weihaiwei, at the request of the Imperial Government, with instructions to report upon the question of the institution of a civil administration in that New British dependency, is coming up to Hongkong on board the *Terrible*.

Rainfall.

The following table gives the Rainfall at the Observatory to the end of April, with the means and extremes for 10 years.

	1894-95	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99
January	77.165	8.43	0.00	77.165	8.43
February	2.64	2.00	0.75	2.64	2.00
March	3.03	2.99	10.43	3.03	2.99
April	2.78	5.98	14.89	1.16	2.78

The year's rainfall to the end of April amounts to 92.21 inches, the 10 years' average being 12.61 inches.

The Dallas Company.

Mr Henry Dallas and his talented company have returned from Manila today, after a month's successful sojourn in the Philippines. They have arrived sooner than was anticipated, and Mr Dallas in order make the most of a short season has decided to open to-morrow, Tuesday (not Thursday as originally announced), with the great musical pieces which he scored such an undoubted triumph here quite recently. "A Runaway Girl," which will be played for positively this night only. On Wednesday, Mr Dallas is giving up the theatre for the smoking concert to the crew of the *Terrible*, who will re-open again on Thursday with "The Geisha," as originally announced. The other pieces will be duly announced, but we believe Mr Dallas intends producing specially for Hongkong an entirely new musical play.

An Impudent Theft.

On Friday, Chinaman went to the Government Civil Hospital until his hand been sent by the foreman blacksmith to do some work on the roof, propped a bamboo ladder from the bay of Number 11 yard, and proceeded to the roof. After some little time it occurred to the boy that only a month previously the roof had been thoroughly repaired and as the Chinaman's movements were very suspicious he had a "lockse." He found his suspicion to be correct for the man instead of repairing the roof was busy undoing it. He had cut two large strips of lead off the verandah and the roof. The boy immediately seized the thief and handed him over to the Indian Constable in charge of the Hospital doorway. Mr Gumpert sent the man to prison for a month. The impudence of the thief is almost as great as that of the man who attempted to steal the Magistrate's clock while the magistrate was sitting.

Alleged Outrage on a Lady.

It is rumoured that, early yesterday morning, an extraordinary outrage was committed on a young lady while walking along the path leading from Geneva to the Public Gardens. The story is that she was set upon by a couple of Chinamen at a lonely turn of the road. One man seized her by the hand while the other rained violence blows upon her head, blackened both her eyes, cut one of her lips and rendered her unconscious. They stole money and jewellery from her to the value of \$400. The girl, it is said, was found at about 6.30 by some people going to the Roman Catholic Cathedral still unconscious. She was taken home where she regained consciousness but was unable to give any information as to the occurrence. The witness has not been reported to the police and in the circumstances we are inclined to think that the story is either much exaggerated or that there is no truth in it at all.

Fire on the "Stratigraphy."

Kole papers report that on 27th April a fire was discovered on board the C. & O. steamship *Stratigraphy*, which arrived in the harbour on the previous day from San Diego. The fire, it appears, originated in the hold of the ship, where a large quantity of cotton was stored. As soon as the outbreak was discovered, steam was turned upon the burning cargo, but without effect, and it was not until some hours afterwards, when a quantity of water had been poured upon it, that the fire was extinguished. During the morning several of the crew, although advised to the contrary, went into the hold to discover the extent of the damage, when they were overcome by the heat. The Chief Officer of the ship went to the assistance of his comrades, and while doing so was himself partially overcome by the heat. While being hauled on deck the rope in which his feet were placed gave way, and the poor fellow fell into the hold, sustaining concussion of the brain besides other injuries. After receiving medical attendance on board, he was removed to the hospital in an extremely critical condition.

In the treatment of Consumption and all wasting diseases, where, from over-work either mental or physical, the system is run down.

Steams Wine of Cod Liver Oil should be taken. The greatest of recent years, containing absolutely all the essential and potent constituents of COD LIVER OIL. Quite plain to the taste. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

THE BOER PRISONERS.

PROPOSED PRISON AT Ceylon.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Colombo, May 5.

The Times of Ceylon says that it is proposed to despatch the Boer prisoners to Ceylon, where barracks will be erected on a site suggested on the plains beyond Nuvvavaya, the terminus of the railway line.

The climate is excellent, and being far removed from the large centres of population, the district is most suitable for the purpose. It is probable that a British regiment from India will be sent to guard the prisoners.

A large sum will be necessary to provide the accommodation, but no serious objections to the scheme are entertained locally.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE FREE STATE.

MOUNTED DIVISION CROSS THE VET.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, May 7, 1.25 a.m.

There has been some stiff fighting at the River Vaal, the front of which has been borne by the Mounted Division under Colonel Ian Hamilton with Colonels Hutton and Ridley as Brigadiers. The enemy was strongly entrenched on the river banks and strenuously defended the passage for three hours.

Colonel Hutton by a brilliant movement, outflanked the enemy and crossed the river under a severe fire. Colonel Ian Hamilton had two days' severe fighting near Vaal, the enemy inflicting very heavy loss on the force.

The British force is now converging on Wiburg.

THE ADVANCE ON MAFEKING.

The divisions in command of General Sir Archibald Hunter and General Barton had severe fighting north of the Vaal River, but the force carried the ridge in a magnificent manner.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 2nd May.

THE WAR.

The British have captured Brandfort, driving the Boers who retired to the northeast. Commandant Delcayre commands the Boers.

The Boers have evacuated Thabana-nchu Hill, and are trekking north.

It is expected that General Brabham will join General Bundell at Thabana-nchu immediately.

RESULT OF ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

1. Winifreda.

2. Inquisitive.

3. Vain Duchess.

London, 5th May.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN IN ENGLAND.

The Prince Kotoko and Tawaku visited the Queen yesterday and slept at Windsor Castle.

THE "KOU SHING" CASE.

Mr Broderick stated in the House that the Kou Shing case will be submitted to the arbitration of an eminent foreign jurist.

THE CHINESE REFORMERS.

There is no reason to suppose that the Chinese Government contemplates the execution of the reformers mentioned in the China Herald 7th April.

THE COMMAND IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Otis has been relieved of the command in the Philippines. General MacArthur succeeds to the command.

THE WAR.

General Hamilton has advanced to Welkot and was engaged with the enemy throughout the march. Welkot is not mentioned in the map.

Lord Roberts reports that General Hunter has carried the passage of the Vaal at Windsorton unopposed. This is the first official intimation that General Hunter had started to relieve Mafeking.

VEHICLES AT THE DOCKS.

At Keppelton Island de Cuba, Taiwan, Progress, U.S.S. Monterey, Zaire, Spain, H.M.S. Orlando, Hinsing.

Commodore—Don Juan de Austria, Independent, Queen Adelaida, Aberdeen, Bowick Hall.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, O.M.G., Acting Governor, presided. There were present: Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. H. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. H. C. Nicolls; Hon. A. W. Brown, Inspector of Schools; Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G.; J. J. Kewick; Ho Kui; H. Smith; R. M. Gray; and Wei Yuk; and Mr. T. F. Johnson, Acting Clerk of Councils.

NEW MEMBERS.

Messrs. R. M. Gray and H. Smith the newly appointed members of Council took the oaths of office.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr Goodman moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance No. 10 of 1872."

Mr May seconded.

Carried.

Mr Goodman moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinances, 1885."

Mr May seconded.

Carried.

Mr Thompson moved the first reading of an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law providing for the grant of positions to lieutenants and orphans of deceased public officers.

Mr May seconded.

Carried.

Mr Goodman moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinances, 1885."

Mr May seconded.

Carried.

Mr Thompson moved the first reading of an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law providing for the grant of positions to lieutenants and orphans of deceased public officers.

Mr May seconded.

Carried.

Mr Thompson moved the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinances, 1885.

Mr May seconded.

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